



THE NAME THAT
CHANGESEVER

MOST ALL OF US, AS BELIEVERS, HAVE MADE THIS MISTAKE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER: WE'VE VIEWED CERTAIN VERSES IN THE BIBLE AS PROMISES YET TO BE FULFILLED, WHEN ACTUALLY THEY'RE STATEMENTS OF FACT. WE'VE PRAYED OVER THEM, THINKING WE'RE WAITING ON GOD TO BRING THEM TO PASS, WHEN IN REALITY HE'S WAITING ON US TO SIMPLY BELIEVE THEM AND PUT THEM INTO ACTION. // This is what's happened to a great extent with John 14:12-13. Multitudes of Christians have treated those scriptures like prayer verses. They've prayed...and prayed...

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and prayed for God to bring to pass in their lives the words Jesus said there: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." // The problem is, those are not prayer verses. They're an accomplished reality. Jesus has already gone to the Father so we don't have to pray for God to grant us the privilege and the power to do the works of Jesus. He's already provided us with that power! // Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus has given every believer everywhere the right to *ask* (or to "make a demand," as it's more accurately rendered) in His Name and get the same results Jesus would get Himself.

That's what Peter did in Acts 3. You remember the story. He and John passed by the lame man at the Temple gate, and when the man asked them for alms: "Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted

him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God" (verses 4-8).

"Yes, Brother Copeland, but that happened because Peter was an apostle," someone might say.

No it didn't. It happened because he made a demand on Jesus' Name, and Jesus did what Peter said. As the Healer, the High Priest and Administrator of the New

Covenant He released His mighty power and made that man rise and walk.

Peter himself confirmed that's how the miracle happened immediately after it took place. When the people gathered around staring at him and John in wonder and amazement, he said: "Why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?... the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus.... And his name through

POINTS TO GET YOU THERE:

1 When you speak in Jesus' Name, all of heaven will back what you say, as if Jesus was personally present saying the words Himself.
John 14:12-14

2 Peter used the power of Jesus' Name to heal the lame man at the Temple gate.
Acts 3:6

3 The healing didn't happen because Peter was an apostle but because he had faith in Jesus' Name.
Acts 3:16

4 Because you are one spirit with Christ and a member of the family of God, the Name of Jesus is your name too.
Ephesians 3:14-15

5 As you spend time in The WORD and develop faith in Jesus' Name, you'll increasingly see the marvelous benefits of salvation.
Psalm 91:14, 16

faith in his name hath made this man strong...[and] given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all” (verses 12-13, 16).

Notice Peter didn't mention anything there about being an apostle. He didn't say the miracle happened because he had a special ministry call. He said it happened because of the power of the Name of Jesus. He said much the same

that Name to any man (or woman or child) who will believe in it.

The Name of Jesus can do anything He can do! His Name carries the same power He carries Himself.

Really, that's true to some degree where any name is concerned. Even in the natural, a man's name carries the same weight he does. If a man isn't any good, his name isn't any good either.

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thing again the next day to the Jewish priests who arrested him and John and demanded an explanation of the miracle.

“By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?” they asked (Acts 4:7). And Peter answered: “By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.... for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (verses 10, 12).

The Name Can Do Anything Jesus Can Do

Look again at what Peter said there. He didn't say the Name of Jesus has been “given among *apostles*.” He said Jesus' Name has been “given among *men*.” In other words, God has given

On the other hand, if a person is highly respected for his power, wealth and integrity, that person's name can accomplish great things—even when they're not physically present.

I like how Brother Oral Roberts' oldest son, Ronnie, illustrated this. He told about a time when, as a young man, he'd grown tired of the notoriety that came with his father's famous name and he became reluctant to mention it. He'd just gotten out of the military and, though he had a job, he didn't have much money and he badly needed a car. When he went to the bank to apply for a loan he was told he didn't qualify.

“Son,” the banker explained, “the problem is we don't know you. We don't know anything about you.”

“Well,” Ronnie said, “I didn't want to do this...but would it matter if you

knew that my daddy is Oral Roberts?”

At the sound of that name suddenly things changed. “Certainly it would matter!” exclaimed the banker. “We all know Brother Roberts around here. Why didn't you say before that you're his son? Just sit down here and fill out this paperwork and you can go buy yourself a car.”

That's a great picture of what happens when you, as a born-again child of God, speak the Name of Jesus. Every angelic spirit in the heavens, all of this earthly creation, and every demon in hell recognizes that Name!

First, it's the Name of God Himself—the Name that contains the full measure of His almighty power. It's the Name that has been inherited by the One, as Hebrews 1 says: “[God] hath appointed [his Son] heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they” (verses 2-4).

Second, it's the Name conferred on Jesus because, as a member of the Godhead equal to the Father, He made Himself of no reputation, came to earth as a man, and went to the cross to secure mankind's redemption. As Philippians 2 says: “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him [His] name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things [names] in heaven, and things [names] in earth, and things [names] under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (verses 9-11).

Third, it's the Name Jesus won by conquest when He conquered the devil and all his minions and took from them the keys to death and hell. It's the Name He earned when, “having spoiled principalities and powers...[making] a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it” (Colossians 2:15)—He declared, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth” (Matthew 28:18, *New King James Version*).

His Name Is Your Name Too

The Name of Jesus is the Name that changes everything—and it belongs to you as His joint heir as surely as it belongs to Him!

It's yours because you've been born of the same heavenly Father, the "Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (Ephesians 3:14-15). It's yours because when you entered into blood covenant with Jesus you were named after Him and the Father. You weren't just given permission to use that Name once in a while to make the devil listen to you. God has *given* you that exalted Name. It is now your name!

It's like what happens in a marriage. When Gloria and I got married my name became hers. She became known as Gloria Copeland. She took the Copeland name and started using it without any qualms because she knew it belonged to her. It's not just hers legally, it's hers because, through the marriage covenant, we became one.

By the same token, when you entered into the New Covenant by faith in Jesus you became "one spirit" with The LORD. You became part of His Body, "of his flesh, and of his bones." The Bible even goes so far as to say that "as He is, so are we in this world" (See 1 Corinthians 6:17; Ephesians 5:30; 1 John 4:17).

This is the astounding reality of your union with Jesus. It gives you such absolute power of attorney to speak in His Name, that all of heaven will back what you say, as if Jesus was personally present saying the words Himself!

Of course, you have to read and meditate on what The WORD says to take full advantage of that power of attorney, because it's faith in the Name that does the work, and faith comes by hearing The WORD. It doesn't come any other way. It doesn't even come from seeing miracles happen in Jesus' Name.

Look back at Acts 3 and the healing of the lame man and you'll see what I mean. The people who witnessed that miracle weren't instantly filled with faith. No, initially they were just "filled with wonder and amazement" (verse 10).

Then Peter began to preach the gospel to them. He told them that Jesus is

"the Prince of life" (verse 15) and that God had raised Him up and sent Him to BLESS them and turn them away from their iniquities (verse 26). While Peter was preaching, faith came to those people! Instead of just being amazed, "many of them which heard the word believed" (Acts 4:4).

The same will happen to you where the Name of Jesus is concerned. As you attend to what The WORD says about it, faith will come. Not only will you grow in your faith and understanding of the power in Jesus' Name, it will grow in you that His Name really is yours!

Protection, Provision and Deliverance

To see a picture of what it's like to truly walk in this revelation, read Psalm 91. It describes a life marked by continuous supernatural protection where you're delivered from pestilence, dangers and snares of every kind. It talks about angels surrounding you at all times to aid and defend you, and a life so victorious you can trample the devil under your feet.

It almost sounds too good to be true, but that's the life that's been provided for the born-again child of God! It's the power that's been made available in Jesus' Name to the Christian. As God put it in Psalm 91:14-16: "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, *because he hath known my name*. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation."

I know from experience what can happen when God shows off His salvation. I saw it the first time I preached on the authority of Jesus' Name. Talk about a meeting I'll never forget! I was ministering in Jamaica, up in the mountains in a little village called New Hope. It was a pitch-black night, and the service was being held under a brush arbor made out of poles and chicken wire with banana leaves piled on top.

Because the only light in the place shone from a single kerosene lantern that only illuminated about a 3-foot circle around the podium (which

consisted of two boards hammered together and nailed to a stump) I couldn't see much of the congregation. I couldn't tell how many people were there or how they were responding to what I was preaching about the power of Jesus' Name. So I was surprised when all of a sudden a man stepped out of the darkness and said, "Lay your hands on me in that Name!"

I did, and a split second later another person stepped up...then another...and another. By the time I got finished, I'd ministered to several hundred people simply by laying hands on them and saying, "In the Name of Jesus!"

After the service was over, as I was getting into the car to leave with the pastor, a little woman walked up and said to me very matter-of-factly, "Brother Copeland, thank you very much. I was blind. Now I see. Praise God." Then she turned around and left.

Her demeanor was so unemotional I thought she was speaking metaphorically, so I asked the pastor if maybe she meant her spiritual eyes had been opened to new revelations.

"Oh, no," he said, "she was completely blind and she received her sight tonight!"

What caused that miracle to happen? The same power that caused the lame man to walk in Acts 3: The power of the Name of Jesus.

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